

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 081197

62

ORIGIN PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 L-03 DODE-00 MC-02 ACDA-07

TRSE-00 EB-07 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 IGA-02 /055 R

DRAFTED BY PM/SAS:RWSMITH

APPROVED BY PM/SAS:SWINSHIP

L/PM - MR. BOREK

NEA/RA - MR. PADELFORD

EUR/NE - MR. WORREL

PM/SAS - MR. JAMES

----- 050455

R 031702Z APR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

USCINCEUR

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 081197

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, UK, MU

SUBJECT: UK TRANSFER OF MACHINE GUN SPARE PARTS TO OMAN

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED FORMAL REQUESTS TO DEPARTMENT FOR USG APPROVAL OF TRANSFER TO OMAN BY UK OF .30 INCH BROWNING MACHINE GUN SPARE PARTS ORIGINALLY PRODUCED IN US AND SOLD TO UK SOME 15 YEARS AGO UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES. WHILE THIS IS OBVIOUSLY MINOR TRANSACTION AND GIVES US NO POLICY PROBLEMS, WE MUST NEVERTHELESS MEET STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED SECTION 3(A) OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT REGARDING THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF FMS-ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE NOTIFIED CONGRESS IN ADVANCE THAT WE INTEND TO APPROVE PROPOSED TRANSFER. WE ARE ALSO  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 081197

REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IN ADVANCE ASSURANCES IN WRITING FROM

OMAN CONCERNING FURTHER TRANSFERS. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SUCH ASSURANCES, IN LINE WITH FOLLOWING STANDARD TEXT: "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN OF .30 INCH BROWNING MACHINE GUN SPARE PARTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN UNDERSTANDS THAT SINCE THESE MACHINE GUNS WERE PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES AND SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE MACHINE GUNS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE)"

3. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN ABOVE ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED AND POUCH COPY OF TEXT (ATTN: PM/SAS).  
KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY PROCUREMENT, MACHINE GUNS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 03 APR 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE081197  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** RWSMITH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760126-1115  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760499/aaaadhma.tel  
**Line Count:** 97  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN PM  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 12 MAY 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <12 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <08 SEP 2004 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** UK TRANSFER OF MACHINE GUN SPARE PARTS TO OMAN  
**TAGS:** MASS, UK, MU, US  
**To:** MUSCAT  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006